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Hongkong, March 10, 1884. 409

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Hongkong, March 20, 1884. 507

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BAKER.							
H.K. and S'hai Bank.	50,000 \$	125 \$	125 \$	4,063,361 \$	57,645.28	23.00	121 1/2 = \$276 1/2
INSURANCE.							
Nip. China Ins.	5,000 \$	200 \$	200 \$	50,000 \$	107,411.65	22 1/2	\$174
Yangtze Ins.	8,000 \$	25 \$	25 \$	50,000 \$	107,411.65	22 1/2	\$174
Union Ins. Soc.	2,000 \$	1,250 \$	125 \$	600,000 \$	976,501.00	18.29	\$56.50 "
China Traders'							
Insurance.	24,000 \$	93.33 \$	25 \$	600,000 \$	107,411.65	22 1/2	\$174
C'lon Ins. Office	10,000 \$	250 \$	50 \$	50,000 \$	107,411.65	22 1/2	\$174
Chinese Ins. Co.	1,500 \$	1,000 \$	200 \$	100,378 \$	83,007.18	3 1/2	\$190
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China Fire Ins.	20,000 \$	100 \$	20 \$	516,978 \$	106,566.49	\$3.60 and bonus proportion- ate	\$64
STEAM C'NANES.							
H.K. and M.							
Steamboat.	8,000 \$	100 \$	75 \$	215,000 \$	53,651.80	6 1/2	\$119
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Nex. Co.	12,000 \$	10 \$	10 \$	10,000 \$	10,000 \$	17 1/2 dis.	par.
China & Manila							
S. S. Coy., Ltd.	3,500 \$	\$100	all	do.	do.	do.	par.
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H.K. & Wh'pos							
Dock.	10,000 \$	125 \$	125 \$	18,000 \$	4,515.58	4 1/2	40 % prem. = \$175
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H'kong Hotel	2,000 \$	100 \$	100 \$	30,000 \$	2,965.68 \$	83	\$150
China Sugar Co.	2,000 \$	100 \$	100 \$	6,222.74 \$	6,222.74 \$	81.00	" "
H'kong Ice Co.	1,250 \$	100 \$	100 \$	24,250 \$	643.83 \$	110 1/2	\$145
H'kong Bakery	6,000 \$	50 \$	50 \$	6,000 \$	656.32 \$	10 1/2	\$100
Luzon Sugar Co.	7,000 \$	100 \$	100 \$	4,090.65	4,090.65	82	" "
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Selangore Tin Mining Co. of Shanghai.	2,500 \$	100	all	do.	do.	do.	\$400
LOANS.							
Chi. Imp.	1874	6,276 \$	100	all	8 %	June 30 Dec 31	par.
" "	1877	15,040 \$	100	all	8 %	Feb. 28 Ag. 31	par.
" "	1878	3,897 \$	100	all	8 %	April & Oct.	par.
" "	1881	8,665 \$	100	all	8 %	Jan. 1 & Dec. 10	par.
Sugar Debet- ures, 1880.	600 \$	500	all	8 %	June & Dec.	2 % prem.	par.

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Hongkong, March 27, 1884. 527

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Hongkong, November 5, 1883. 856

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Hongkong, January 1, 1882. 14

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Hongkong, March 27, 1884. 540

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Hongkong, March 27, 1884. 550

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MARITIMES.

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The RAILWAY TICKETS will be ob-
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I. MARTIN,
Acting Agent.

Hongkong, March 27, 1884. 551

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with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE,
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the 7th April, 1884. Parcels are not
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March 26, 1884.—

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McGinnis, Pakhoi March 23, and Hoihow
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For Swatow, Letters, 10 cents; Registered, 10; Newspapers, 2; Books and Patterns, 2.

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For Canton, Letters, 10 cents; Registered, 10; Newspapers, 2; Books and Patterns, 2.

For Shanghai, Letters, 10 cents; Registered, 10; Newspapers, 2; Books and Patterns, 2.

For Peking, Letters, 10 cents; Registered, 10; Newspapers, 2; Books and Patterns, 2.

For Yokohama, Letters, 10 cents; Registered, 10; Newspapers, 2; Books and Patterns, 2.

For Kobe, Letters, 10 cents; Registered, 10; Newspapers, 2; Books and Patterns, 2.

For Osaka, Letters, 10 cents; Registered, 10; Newspapers, 2; Books and Patterns, 2.

For Manila, Letters, 10 cents; Registered, 10; Newspapers, 2; Books and Patterns, 2.

For Cebu, Letters, 10 cents; Registered, 10; Newspapers, 2; Books and Patterns, 2.

For Batavia, Letters, 10 cents; Registered, 10; Newspapers, 2; Books and Patterns, 2.

For Singapore, Letters, 10 cents; Registered, 10; Newspapers, 2; Books and Patterns, 2.

For Penang, Letters, 10 cents; Registered, 10; Newspapers, 2; Books and Patterns, 2.

For Malacca, Letters, 10 cents; Registered, 10; Newspapers, 2; Books and Patterns, 2.

For Amoy, Letters, 10 cents; Registered, 10; Newspapers, 2; Books and Patterns, 2.

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2. The following cannot be transmitted:

Parcels insufficiently packed or protected, or liable to be crushed (as boxes, etc.) Opium, Glass, Liquids, Explosive substances, Matches, Indigo, Dyestuffs, Ice, Meat, Fish, Game, Fruit, Vegetables, or whatever is dangerous to the Mails, or likely to become offensive or injurious in transit.

3. Parcels are as a general rule forwarded by Private Ship, not by Contract Mail Packet. To India they are forwarded by the P. & O. and Indian Mail Packets only, to Ceylon by P. & O. only. No responsibility is accepted with regard to any parcel, unless Registered, and then only to the amount of \$10.

4. The public are cautioned not to confound these facilities with a Parcel Post to Europe, etc., which does not exist.

It is necessary that the following rules be strictly observed.

1. No Letter or Packet, whether to be registered or unregistered, can be received for postage if it contains gold or silver money, jewels, precious articles, or anything that, as a general rule, is liable to Customs duties.

2. This Regulation prohibits the sending of Patterns of dutiable articles, unless the quantity sent be so small as to make the sample of no value.

3. The limits of weight allowed are as follows:—

Books and Papers.—To British Offices, 4 lbs.; to the Continent, 4 lbs. Patterns.—To British Offices, 5 lbs. if without intrinsic value; to the Continent, 4 lbs. 8 oz.

Indemnity for the Loss of a Registered Article.

The Post Office is not legally responsible for the safe delivery of Registered correspondence, but it is prepared to make good the contents of such correspondence lost or destroyed through the Post, to the extent of \$10, in certain cases, provided:—

1. That the sender duly observed all the conditions of Registration required.

2. That the letter was securely enclosed in a reasonably strong envelope.

3. That application was made to the Postmaster General of Hongkong immediately the loss was discovered, the envelope being invariably forwarded with such application unless it also is lost.

4. That the Postmaster General is satisfied that the loss occurred while the correspondence was in the custody of the British Postal administration in China, that it was not caused by any fault on the part of the sender, by destruction by fire, or shipwreck, nor by the dishonesty or negligence of any person not in the employment of the Hongkong Post Office.

5. No compensation can be paid for mere damage to fragile articles such as portraits, watches, handsewn bound books, etc., which reach their destination, although in a broken or deteriorated condition.

Chair, Jinricksha, and Boat Hire.

LETTERED TARIFF OF FARES FOR CHAIRS, CHAIR BEARERS, AND BOATS, IN THE COLONY OF HONGKONG.

China and Ordinary Paddy Boat. Half hour, 10 cts. 1 hour, 20 cts. Three hours, 50 cts. Six hours, 70 cts. Day (from 6 to 6), One Dollar.

TO VICTORIA PEAK. Single Trip. Four Coolies, 1.00. Three Coolies, 0.75. Two Coolies, 0.50.

Return (direct or by Pok-fu Lam). Four Coolies, 1.50. Three Coolies, 1.20. Two Coolies, 1.00.

TO VICTORIA GAP (TO LEVEL OF UMBRELLA SEAT). Single Trip. Four Coolies, 1.00. Three Coolies, 0.75. Two Coolies, 0.50.

Return (direct or by Pok-fu Lam). Four Coolies, 1.50. Three Coolies, 1.20. Two Coolies, 1.00.

For every hour or part of an hour above three hours, each Coolie will be entitled to an additional payment of 5 cents.

Day Trip (Peak), 80 cts. each Coolie. (12 hours) Gap, 50 cts. each Coolie.

Quarter of an hour or less, 5 cts. Half an hour, 10 cts. One hour, 20 cts. Two hours, 40 cts. Three hours, 60 cts. Six hours, 80 cts. One day (12 hours), 1.00. Per trip to Shaukei or Pok-fu, from the centre of the Town, 20 cts. Return, 20 cts. Per trip to Aberdeen, from the centre of the Town, 25 cts. Return, 25 cts. If an Extra Coolie is employed, there will be an addition of half the above scale to pay. Nothing in this scale prevents private agreements.

Licensed Drivers (each). Hour, 10 cts. Half day, 35 cts. Day, 50 cts.

BOAT AND COOLIE HIRE. BOATS. 1st Class Cargo Boat of 8 or 900 piculs, per Day, 3.00. 1st Class Cargo Boat of 8 or 900 piculs, per Load, 2.00. 2nd Class Cargo Boat of 600 piculs, per Day, 2.50. 2nd Class Cargo Boat of 600 piculs, per Load, 1.75. 2nd Class Cargo Boat of 400 piculs, per Day, 1.50. 2nd Class Cargo Boat of 400 piculs, per Load, 1.00. 3rd Class Cargo Boat of 300 piculs, Half Day, 50 cts.

Sampan. or Pulaway Boat, per Day, 1.00. Half-day, 50 cts. After 6 P.M., 10 cts. extra. Nothing in this Scale prevents private agreements.

STREET COOLIES. Scale of Hire for Street Coolies. One Day, 35 cts. Half Day, 20 cts. Three Hours, 12 cts. One Hour, 5 cts. Half Hour, 3 cts. Nothing in the above Scale to affect private agreements.

Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusive of late Arrivals and Departures report to-day.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eight Sections, commencing at Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked A, near the Kowloon shore K, and those in the body of the Harbour or midway between each shore are marked C, in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

1. From Green Island to the Gas Works. 2. From Gas Works to the P. and O. Co's Factory. 3. From P. and O. Co's Factory to the Harbour Master's Office. 4. From Harbour Master's Office to the P. and O. Co's Office. 5. From P. and O. Co's Office to Poddar's Wharf. 6. From Poddar's Wharf to the Naval Yard. 7. From Naval Yard to the Pier. 8. From Pier to East Point.

Vessel's Name.	Class	Captain.	Flag and Rig.	Tons.	Date of Arrival.	Consignee or Agents.	Destination.	Remarks.
Active	Steamer	21	Rovabek Dan.	268	Mar. 26	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	Haiphong	
Demander	Steamer	8	Ros Brit.	1330	Mar. 20	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	Saigon	2nd prox.
Hongkong	Steamer	3	Croard Brit.	1330	Mar. 20	Adams, Bell & Co.	Trieste, &c.	To-morrow
Hornet	Steamer	5	Crilovich Aust.	3600	Mar. 21	Molchers & Co.		
Belwell Castle	Steamer	5	Tal Brit.	1653	Feb. 14	Adams, Bell & Co.		
Changchow	Steamer	5	Whitely Brit.	1109	Mar. 27	Dutton & Swire	Singapore & Penang	2nd prox.
C. T. Hook	Steamer	5	Crilovich Aust.	1623	Mar. 23	Thos. Howard & Co.	Yama & San Francisco	1st prox.
City of Peking	Steamer	5	Berry Aust.	3120	Mar. 22	M. S. S. Co.	Nagasaki	To-morrow
De Hay	Steamer	5	Lee Brit.	1083	Mar. 23	M. S. S. Co.	Amoy and Manila	20th inst.
Don Juan	Steamer	5	Marquez Span.	654	Mar. 20	Brandes & Co.	Amoy and Manila	K'loon Dock
Donkey	Steamer	5	Rementeria Span.	414	June 30	Remedios & Co.	Amoy and Manila	Ing Flying
Esmeralda	Steamer	5	Hindelson Brit.	350	Mar. 13	Russell & Co.	Singapore	To-morrow
Gloucester	Steamer	5	Park Brit.	117	Nov. 15	K. & W. P. Dock Co.		
Glendyne	Steamer	5	McKinlay Brit.	1901	Mar. 24	Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
Hamam	Steamer	5	Woods Brit.	231	Nov. 23	C. & M. S. S. Co.		
Island	Steamer	5	Wallace Brit.	981	Mar. 13	Capitan		
Island	Steamer	5	Alfonsa Ger.	1038	Mar. 21	Simmons & Co.	Shanghai	
Kumamoto Maru	Steamer	5	Edmond Japan	1246	Mar. 22	M. S. S. Co.	Nagasaki and Kobe	To-morrow
Leis	Steamer	5	Edmond Japan	1246	Mar. 22	M. S. S. Co.		
Lord of the Isles	Steamer	5	Felgate Brit.	1086	Mar. 27	Russell & Co.		
Mary Austin	Steamer	5	Hunter Brit.	137	Oct. 11	Order		
Mindanao	Steamer	5	Gonzales Span.	650	Mar. 4	Dunn, Malby & Co.		
Mosser	Steamer	5	Longley Brit.	1223	Feb. 26	Chong Wo	Saigon	K'loon Dock
Nam-viet	Steamer	5	Caracul Felh.	435	Mar. 9	R. M. Marty		
Napier	Steamer	5	Thom Brit.	1473	Mar. 20	Melchers & Co.	Swatow & Bangkok	2nd prox.
Pha Chua Chom Kiao	Steamer	5	Lightwood Brit.	1011	Mar. 24	Chines	Hohow, &c.	30th inst.
Phigson	Steamer	5	McCaslin Brit.	574	Mar. 20	Russell & Co.	Shanghai	To-morrow
Rohilla	Steamer	5	Barratt Brit.	2251	Mar. 27	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Haiphong	30th inst.
Salute	Steamer	5	Lorich Felh.	323	Mar. 21	R. M. Marty		
Sheward Osborn	Steamer	5	Emmell Brit.	875	Mar. 27	E. & O. T. Co.		
Thames	Steamer	5	Poeck Brit.	820	Mar. 26	Douglas Steamship Co.		
Twilight	Steamer	5	Warland Amer.	1203	June 8	Order	San Francisco	

Her Britannic Majesty's Ships in the China Squadron.

Name.	Rig.	Tons Displ.	Guns.	I.H.P.	Captain.	Where at.
Albatross	composite screw sloop	640	4	840	Commander Chas. Hicks	Hankow
Andacous	double-screw iron frigate	6010	14	4330	Captain R. E. Tracey	Hongkong
Champion	corvette	2380	14	2340	Captain A. T. Powlett	Shanghai
Chaxatira	corvette	2200	14	2010	Captain H. N. Hippisley	Amoy
Cochet	corvette	465	4	470	Lieut. Com. Robt. L. Grouse	Shanghai
Corago	corvette	2383	14	2540	Captain Austruther	Hongkong
Esk (Tender to Flying Fish)	double-screw gunboat	380	3	340	Commander Lawrence Ching	Chongking
Exeter	gunboat	430	4	435	Commander E. H. Gamble	Hongkong
Flying Fish	double-screw gun-vessel	640	4	490	Commander J. H. Macleod	Amoy
Harold	gunboat	460	4	470	Lieut. Commander McQuhae	Poochow
Kestrel	double-screw gun-vessel	710	4	830	Commander E. Hoffman	Hongkong
Limnet	double-screw gun-vessel	767	5	1050	Commander Geo. W. Hill	Canton
Magpie	surveying vessel	653	3	600	Commander Voreker	Singapore
Melville	gunboat	430	4	470	Commander R. D. C. Brenton	Hohow
Midge	double-screw gun-vessel	465	4	470	Commander E. Thiele	Singapore
Pegasus	composite screw sloop	1130	6	970	Commander Bickford	Yokohama
Porpoise	corvette	1370	12	2360	Captain Fallerton	Amoy
Swift	double-screw gun-vessel	794	5	1010	Commander Wm. Collins	Amoy
Tweed	double-screw gunboat	340	3	340	In reserve	Hongkong
Victor Emmanuel	receiving ship	3087	20	2320	Commodore Cuming	Hongkong
Wolverey	double dispatch-vessel	830	2	1230	Lieut. Com. Maxwell	Hongkong
Wyvern	turret-ship	1800	4	1450	In reserve	Hongkong
Zephyr	gunboat	430	4	630	Lieut. Com. Chas. K. Hupo	Singapore

For H. B. M. Ships' tonnage, displacements and effective horse powers are given according to H. M. Navy list.

Foreign Men-of-war on the China and Japan Station.

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